

In What Fields Were Capital Projects Undertaken?

Both construction and repair/renovation projects were more likely to have occurred in certain S&E fields than others. This was the case for the most recent fiscal years as well as in prior years. In fiscal years 1992–1993, one-third of the research-performing institutions with medical schools and with S&E space in the medical sciences began construction projects. In fiscal years 1992–1993, those institutions with research space in the agricultural sciences were also heavily engaged in constructing S&E facilities; 27 percent of these universities and colleges had such projects underway. Other S&E fields in which at least 10 percent of research-performing institutions began construction projects in fiscal years 1992–1993 were engineering (17 percent); both the biological sciences outside of medical schools (10 percent) and those in medical schools (20 percent); and medical sciences outside of medical schools (11 percent) (Table 3-11).

Table 3-11. Trends in percentage of institutions starting capital projects to construct science and engineering research facilities by field: 1986–1995

<i>Field</i>	<i>1986–1987</i>	<i>1988–1989</i>	<i>1990–1991</i>	<i>1992–1993</i>	<i>1994–1995 (Planned)</i>
Total	37	44	37	33	32
Engineering	28	18	16	17	18
Physical sciences	9	15	11	9	10
Environmental sciences	9	6	15	9	6
Mathematics	1	2	4	2	2
Computer sciences	8	6	7	4	4
Agricultural sciences	38	33	30	27	23
Biological sciences— other	9	19	10	10	8
Biological sciences— medical school	20	26	33	20	9
Medical sciences— other	7	5	13	11	9
Medical sciences— medical school	32	23	41	33	29